

BEFORE THE JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION
STATE OF FLORIDA

INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE
NO. 02-466, JUDGE JOHN RENKE, III

SC03-1846

ORDER ON LEAVE TO AMEND

Special Counsel's Motion For Leave to File Notice of Amended Formal Charges and the response filed on behalf of the Honorable John Renke, III, came before me as chair of the Hearing Panel on this matter. I have considered the motion, response, and original Notice of Investigation provided to the judge prior to the rule 6(b) hearing of April 11, 2003. I find

1. Rule 6(b) of the Judicial Qualifications Commission provides that before the investigative panel "determines that there is probable cause . . . the judge shall be notified of the investigation, [and] the general nature of the subject matter"
2. The notice of investigation provided to the judge before the hearing on the 11th day of April, specifically sections 5 and 6, sufficiently encompassed the subject matter of proposed amended charges 9 and 10; therefore, no additional hearing was required in order to comply with rule 6(b).
3. There has been no breach of the confidentiality requirements of the Commission as the motion for leave to amend charges was filed after a finding of probable cause on the matters identified in the Notice of Investigation. Therefore, pursuant to article V, section 12, subsection (a)(4) of the Florida Constitution, proceedings relating to the amendment of the charges were required to be public.

The motion for leave to amend formal charges is therefore granted.

/s/ James R. Wolf
Honorable James R. Wolf
Chair, Hearing Panel

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of this order has been furnished by U.S. Mail this 15th day of March, 2005 to:

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